

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING PROJECT TASK FORCE (ESPTF)

Meeting Summary

Meeting # 6

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Following is a brief summary of main points covered at the sixth meeting of the Environmental Sampling Project Task Force (ESPTF). This summary is to be used only as an outline for topics covered. It is not to be considered a comprehensive or editorial review of the meetings. For comprehensive meeting records please refer to the Task Force transcripts, prepared by a court reporter and posted on this web site.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order. The facilitators addressed members of the public, asking them to be respectful of the time limits and the ground rules for public comment.

Andre Bell was introduced as the timekeeper for the meeting. Dr. Owen Hoffman, technical consultant to LBNL was present in the meeting. Mr. Bernd Franke, technical consultant for the city of Berkeley, was unable to join the meeting. Mr. Michael Rochette, a new Task Force Member representing the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, was introduced to the group.

II. Public Comment Period

Five members of the public spoke during this period. Please see the full meeting transcript for a record of these comments and all other dialogue in the meeting.

III. Review of Sampling Comments to Date

Members welcomed two new presenters to the meeting: Ms. Betsy Curnow, Supervisor of the Site Assessment Office for US EPA region nine; and Dr. Philip G. Williams, Facility Manager and Co-Principal Investigator of the National Tritium Labeling Facility.

Betsy Curnow, representing US EPA, gave a presentation on demystifying the Superfund Site Evaluation Process. Ms. Curnow spoke on the following topics: the background and methodology for naming potential Superfund sites; the background of US EPA and the National Tritium Labeling Facility (NTLF); the history of the National Priorities List (NPL); and how EPA makes decisions and ranks potential sites.

Task Force Members asked a number of questions of Ms. Curnow. Please see meeting transcripts for a full record of these discussions and Ms. Curnow's replies.

Dr. Philip G. Williams, Facility Manager and Co-Principal Investigator of the National Tritium Labeling Facility, gave the second presentation of the evening. Dr. Williams

spoke on the following topics: normal operating levels at the National Tritium Labeling Facility; the radiological impact on the public health from NTLF; and activities that take place at the NTLF. Dr. Williams responded to a number of questions from Task Force Members. Please see meeting transcripts for a full record of Members' questions and Dr. Williams' replies.

The third item on this section of the agenda was postponed due to time constraints. This presentation, by Member David McGraw, was in response to Task Force and public comments received by LBNL on the proposed Sampling Plan. The presentation will be rescheduled for the next Task Force meeting.

IV. Next meetings

Members held discussion as to how to proceed with next meetings. A meeting was proposed for November, 2000. Final date and location are to be determined.

V. Public Comment

Five members of the public spoke at a public comment session at the end of the meeting.